National Honor Society

The **National Honor Society** (**NHS**) is a nationwide organization for high school students in the United States and outlying territories, which consists of many chapters in high schools. Selection is based on four criteria: scholarship (academic achievement), leadership, service, and character. The National Honor Society requires some sort of service to the community, school, or other organizations. The time spent working on these projects contributes towards the monthly service hour requirement. The National Honor Society was founded in 1921 by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The Alpha chapter of NHS was founded at Fifth Avenue High School by Principal Edward S. Rynearson in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.[1]

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Formation	1921 Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.
Location	United States
Website	www.nhs.us (http://www.nhs.us)

National Honor Society groups are commonly active in community service activities both in the community and at the school. Many chapters maintain a requirement for participation in such service activities.

In addition, NHS chapters typically elect officers, who, under the supervision of the chapter adviser, coordinate and manage the chapter as a student organization.

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Membership

Over one million students are estimated to participate in the National Honor Society. NHS and NJHS chapters are found in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, many U.S. territories, and Canada. They can also be found in areas of Asia; Pakistan has three schools maintaining an active chapter. They further can be found in international and American schools throughout the globe.

Motto

The NHS motto is *noblesse oblige*.ref>NASSP. "History of NJHS and NHS" (http://www.nhs.us/s_nhs/sec.asp?CID=126&DID=5270). Retrieved 2008-10-31. </ref> (French: "nobility obligates"). The *Dictionnaire de l'Académie française* defines it thus:

> 1. Whoever claims to be noble must conduct himself nobly.
> 2. (Figuratively) One must act in a fashion that conforms to one's position, and with the reputation that one has earned.

Scholarship

Since 1946, the National Honor Society has given out more than US$15 million in scholarship awards. In the 2018-19 school year, 600 awards were to be distributed, including 1 National Winner ($25,000), 24 national finalists ($5,625 each), and 575 national semifinalists ($3,200 each).[2]

Parent and sister organizations

- National Association of Secondary School Principals
- National Junior Honor Society
- National Elementary Honor Society
- National Student Council[3]

See also

- Arista – National Honor Society
- German National Honor Society
- French National Honor Society
- Spanish National Honor Society
- Mu Alpha Theta
- International Thespian Society
- National Art Honor Society
- National Beta Club

- National Junior Honor Society
- National Technical Honor Society
- Quill and Scroll
- Tri-M

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External links

- National Honor Society (http://www.nhs.us)
- National Junior Honor Society (http://www.njhs.us)
- National Elementary Honor Society (http://www.nehs.org)
- National Association of Secondary School Principals (http://www.principals.org)
- Tips of Writing National Honor Society Essay (https://paperhelpwriting.com/blog/nhs-essay/)

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